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	Rating
Note: Diagnosis of endometriosis must be substantiated by laparoscopy.	

¹ Review for entitlement to special monthly compensation under § 3.350 of this chapter.

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THE HEMIC AND LYMPHATIC SYSTEMS

§4.117 Schedule of ratings—hemic and lymphatic systems.

	<i>Rating</i>
7700 Anemia, hypochromic-microcytic and megaloblastic, such as iron-deficiency and pernicious anemia:	
Hemoglobin 5gm/100ml or less, with findings such as high output congestive heart failure or dyspnea at rest	100
Hemoglobin 7gm/100ml or less, with findings such as dyspnea on mild exertion, cardiomegaly, tachycardia (100 to 120 beats per minute) or syncope (three episodes in the last six months)	70
Hemoglobin 8gm/100ml or less, with findings such as weakness, easy fatigability, headaches, lightheadedness, or shortness of breath	30
Hemoglobin 10gm/100ml or less with findings such as weakness, easy fatigability or headaches	10
Hemoglobin 10gm/100ml or less, asymptomatic	0
NOTE: Evaluate complications of pernicious anemia, such as dementia or peripheral neuropathy, separately.	
7702 Agranulocytosis, acute:	
Requiring bone marrow transplant, or; requiring transfusion of platelets or red cells at least once every six weeks, or; infections recurring at least once every six weeks	100
Requiring transfusion of platelets or red cells at least once every three months, or; infections recurring at least once every three months	60
Requiring transfusion of platelets or red cells at least once per year but less than once every three months, or; infections recurring at least once per year but less than once every three months	30
Requiring continuous medication for control	10

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NOTE: The 100 percent rating for bone marrow transplant shall be assigned as of the date of hospital admission and shall continue with a mandatory VA examination six months following hospital discharge. Any change in evaluation based upon that or any subsequent examination shall be subject to the provisions of § 3.105(e) of this chapter.		NOTE: Rate complications such as systemic infections with encapsulated bacteria separately.	
7703 Leukemia:		7707 Spleen, injury of, healed.	
With active disease or during a treatment phase	100	Rate for any residuals.	
Otherwise rate as anemia (code 7700) or aplastic anemia (code 7716), whichever would result in the greater benefit.		7709 Hodgkin's disease:	
NOTE: The 100 percent rating shall continue beyond the cessation of any surgical, radiation, antineoplastic chemotherapy or other therapeutic procedures. Six months after discontinuance of such treatment, the appropriate disability rating shall be determined by mandatory VA examination. Any change in evaluation based upon that or any subsequent examination shall be subject to the provisions of § 3.105(e) of this chapter. If there has been no recurrence, rate on residuals.		With active disease or during a treatment phase	100
7704 Polycythemia vera:		NOTE: The 100 percent rating shall continue beyond the cessation of any surgical, radiation, antineoplastic chemotherapy or other therapeutic procedures. Six months after discontinuance of such treatment, the appropriate disability rating shall be determined by mandatory VA examination. Any change in evaluation based upon that or any subsequent examination shall be subject to the provisions of § 3.105(e) of this chapter. If there has been no local recurrence or metastasis, rate on residuals.	
During periods of treatment with myelosuppressants and for three months following cessation of myelosuppressant therapy	100	7710 Adenitis, tuberculous, active or inactive.	
Requiring phlebotomy	40	Rate under §§ 4.88c or 4.89 of this part, whichever is appropriate.	
Stable, with or without continuous medication	10	7714 Sickle cell anemia:	
NOTE: Rate complications such as hypertension, gout, stroke or thrombotic disease separately.		With repeated painful crises, occurring in skin, joints, bones or any major organs caused by hemolysis and sickling of red blood cells, with anemia, thrombosis and infarction, with symptoms precluding even light manual labor	100
7705 Thrombocytopenia, primary, idiopathic or immune:		With painful crises several times a year or with symptoms precluding other than light manual labor	60
Platelet count of less than 20,000, with active bleeding, requiring treatment with medication and transfusions	100	Following repeated hemolytic sickling crises with continuing impairment of health	30
Platelet count between 20,000 and 70,000, not requiring treatment, without bleeding	70	Asymptomatic, established case in remission, but with identifiable organ impairment	10
Stable platelet count between 70,000 and 100,000, without bleeding	30	NOTE: Sickle cell trait alone, without a history of directly attributable pathological findings, is not a ratable disability. Cases of symptomatic sickle cell trait will be forwarded to the Director, Compensation and Pension Service, for consideration under § 3.321(b)(1) of this chapter.	
Stable platelet count of 100,000 or more, without bleeding	0	7715 Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma:	
7706 Splenectomy	20	With active disease or during a treatment phase	100

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7716 Aplastic anemia:

- Requiring bone marrow transplant, or; requiring transfusion of platelets or red cells at least once every six weeks, or; infections recurring at least once every six weeks 100
- Requiring transfusion of platelets or red cells at least once every three months, or; infections recurring at least once every three months 60
- Requiring transfusion of platelets or red cells at least once per year but less than once every three months, or; infections recurring at least once per year but less than once every three months 30
- Requiring continuous medication for control 10

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THE SKIN

§ 4.118 Schedule of ratings—skin.

	Rating
7800 Scars, disfiguring, head, face or neck:	
Complete or exceptionally repugnant deformity of one side of face or marked or repugnant bilateral disfigurement	50
Severe, especially if producing a marked and unsightly deformity of eyelids, lips, or auricles	30
Moderate; disfiguring	10
Slight	0

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NOTE: When in addition to tissue loss and cicatrization there is marked discoloration, color contrast, or the like, the 50 percent rating under Code 7800 may be increased to 80 percent, the 30 percent to 50 percent, and the 10 percent to 30 percent. The most repugnant, disfiguring conditions, including scars and diseases of the skin, may be submitted for central office rating, with several unretouched photographs.	
7801 Scars, burns, third degree:	
Area or areas exceeding 1 square foot (0.1 m. ²)	40
Area or areas exceeding one-half square foot (0.05 m. ²)	30
Area or areas exceeding 12 square inches (77.4 cm. ²)	20
Area or areas exceeding 6 square inches (38.7 cm. ²)	10
NOTE (1): Actual third degree residual involvement required to the extent shown under 7801.	
NOTE (2): Ratings for widely separated areas, as on two or more extremities or on anterior and posterior surfaces of extremities or trunk, will be separately rated and combined.	
7802 Scars, burns, second degree:	
Area or areas approximating 1 square foot (0.1 m. ²)	10
NOTE: See NOTE (2) under diagnostic code 7801.	
7803 Scars, superficial, poorly nourished, with repeated ulceration	10
7804 Scars, superficial, tender and painful on objective demonstration	10
NOTE: The 10 percent rating will be assigned, when the requirements are met, even though the location may be on tip of finger or toe, and the rating may exceed the amputation value for the limited involvement.	
7805 Scars, other.	
Rate on limitation of function of part affected.	
7806 Eczema:	
With ulceration or extensive exfoliation or crusting, and systemic or nervous manifestations, or exceptionally repugnant	50
With exudation or itching constant, extensive lesions, or marked disfigurement	30
With exfoliation, exudation or itching, if involving an exposed surface or extensive area	10
With slight, if any, exfoliation, exudation or itching, if on a nonexposed surface or small area	0
7807 Leishmaniasis, americana (mucocutaneous, espundia).	
7808 Leishmaniasis, old world (cutaneous, oriental sore).	
7809 Lupus erythematosus, discoid.	
(Not to be combined with ratings under diagnostic code 6350.)	
7810 Pinta.	
7811 Tuberculosis luposa (lupus vulgaris), active or inactive:	
Active	100
Inactive: See §§ 4.88b and 4.89.	
7812 Verruga peruana.	
7813 Dermatophytosis.	
7814 Tinea barbae.	
7815 Pemphigus.	
7816 Psoriasis.	
7817 Dermatitis exfoliativa.	
7818 New growths, malignant, skin.	
Rate scars, disfigurement, etc., on the extent of constitutional symptoms, physical impairment.	
7819 New growths, benign, skin.	